



## Jefferson R. Leason III

August 19, 1935 - July 12, 2017

Jefferson Reynolds Leason III, 81, of Longwood went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday July 12, 2017, at approximately 8:30 p.m. after a long and brave fight with cancer. He passed peacefully at his residence with his family by his side.

He was loved by his wife of 55 years, Fran, his daughter Kimberley M. (Leason) and Joe Talavera, his daughter Karen (Kate) M. Leason, his son, Jefferson R. IV and Angela Leason, and his six grandchildren, Michael, Miranda, Joseph, Joshua, Jefferson V., Anslee, and the family dog, Durango.

Born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and raised in Pittsburgh, the son of Jefferson R. Leason II and Aimee Jean (Grassel) Leason. He graduated from Perry High School in Pittsburgh. He moved to Washington D.C. and joined the U. S. Air Force Reserves in 1952 . He served in the armed forces for ten years. After being Honorably Discharged in 1962, Jeff and Fran married and made their home in Northern Virginia. Jeff began his sales career at Sears and Roebucks in Men's Clothing and Electronic Sales and was a valued employee for 14 years.

Jeff and his family moved to Longwood, Florida in 1977, where he returned to school for air-conditioning repair and enjoyed working in this field until he retired.

In 2011, the City of Longwood created the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. Jeff served as one of the original COPs and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2014. He also participated in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) sponsored by the Longwood Fire Department. He was an active member of the Windsor Manor Civic Association, participating in many events over the years. Jeff was very dedicated in his service to his community.

Jeff was also an active member in his local church, Grace Life, in Longwood. He loved and served his church family. Jeff's hobbies included crossword puzzles, reading westerns, traveling, sports (go Redskins!), his grandchildren's sporting events, fishing, shooting, and spending time with his family.

Jeff was a wonderful man, great husband, loving father and grandfather, faithful and dedicated to serving his family, church, and community. He was warm and generous to all he met. His passing leaves an emptiness in our hearts and souls. He will be greatly missed!

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at Grace Life Church, 919 Lincolnwood Lane, Longwood, Florida 32750 (corner of Rangeline Road and Longwood Hills Road) on July 22, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments to follow the service.

Flowers can be delivered to 221 Slade Lane, Longwood, FL 32750 (family residence) and will be delivered to the church at the time of service.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Jefferson R. Leason III.*



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July 20, 2017 at 10:42 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. I was in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) organization, with the Leason's, and became very close friends with them. I used to bake cookies or brownies, which I took to the monthly COP meetings, and Jeff always complimented me on my baking. It never failed, as the meetings ended, I always saved some extra goodies for Jeff, to take home and enjoy.

The Leason's were neighbors as well, and sometimes when I drove by their house, I would see Jeff walking their beloved furbaby, Durango. I would stop and talk with Jeff at times, and he always had a smile on his face and a friendly wave. Whenever I would go to their home, Jeff always stopped what he was doing and sat with Fran and I to talk.

Jeff was an asset to the COP organization and was always one of the first people to volunteer his assistance at events, to help other COP members and to assist the Longwood Police Department.

I occasionally went to dinner with the Leason's and it never failed, Jeff would always have us laughing about one thing or another. Jeff was always positive, saw the glass half full and would do anything possible to help others. Jeff will be sorely missed by his family, friends and neighbors.

My heart goes out to Fran, their kids and grandkids, and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you the peace, comfort and guidance you need. Fran, I wish I could be there for you, and with you, but I am in spirit!!

Rest in Peace, Jeff! ❤️

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Kathy Beacham - July 20, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ Jeff was our good neighbor for forty years. He will be missed by us. We never saw Jeff be anything but pleasant and positive. He never complained or was discouraged, even when his health was failing. Although, we did see him get upset, yelling at the speeding drivers, driving down Slade Dr, to "slow down". We got to chat mostly when he was walking his beloved dog Durango (alias Fluffy) where our property met his. Everyone should have neighbors as lovely and nice as the Leasons.  
Love and Sympathy,  
Fred and Helen Flores

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**Helen Flores** - July 17, 2017 at 01:21 PM

“ We will miss Jeff. He was our good neighbor for forty years. Jeff was a pleasant man to have for a neighbor. He was always friendly and had a positive attitude all the time, even when his health was declining. The only time we ever heard him be upset was when he yelled to the speeding drivers down Slade Dr. to "slow down". Jeff always walked his beloved dog, Durango (alias Fluffy) down to the property line where we could chat, if we were outside. Everyone should be so happy to have neighbors like the Leasons.  
With love and sympathy,  
Fred and Helen Flores

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**Helen Flores** - July 17, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Memories Album



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 16, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ *I love you all so much. I know this is a confusing and most difficult time. We tend to question ourselves so much over the loss of a loved one. Remember your love and that you could not have taken better care of him than God is doing now.*

*I got to see Jeff a few weeks ago. He amazed me with questions about Cory and how was Bob doing. As always he was loving and ready to listen. Despite his pain and difficulty moving about he was in my eyes, a man of great compassion.*

*I am truly sorry for the loss of Mr. Leason and will always remember his kindness.*

*Praying for peace and understanding!*

*Bob, Karla and Cory*

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**Karla Bevlin** - July 16, 2017 at 12:34 AM

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“ *He was a wonderful neighbor who was always friendly and pleasant. He had good attitude and loved his family and his dog. I often talked to him at night when we were both taking out dogs out. He will be missed.*



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**Flora Ann-neighbor** - July 14, 2017 at 07:26 PM